

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108*

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012082032

Project Title: Meridian Farms Water Company Fish Screen Project – Phase 2 (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-069-02 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The Project is located between Interstate 5 and Highway 99, east of the Sacramento River and southwest of the Sutter Bypass within the town of Meridian in Sutter County, California. The Project is located on the Sacramento River, north of the intersection of Meridian Road and Alameda Street, at approximately latitude 39°08'54"N to 39°06'33"N, longitude 121°55'03"W to 121°53'52"W.

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a new Meridian Diversion/Pumping Station and retractable drum screens with a combined capacity of 135 cubic feet per second; reconstruction of three miles of the existing Main Canal; construction of a new re-lift pumping station; and decommission and removal of the existing Meridian and Drexler diversions.

The Project will result in impacts to 6.4 acre of giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*) habitat including temporary impacts to 6.4 acres; the Project will permanently remove 0.05 acre of giant garter snake habitat. The Project will also result in temporary impacts to 0.17 acre of suitable salmonid habitat of spring-run Chinook salmon of the Sacramento River drainage (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and winter-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*). The project is expected to result in incidental take of giant garter snake and spring-run Chinook salmon of the Sacramento River drainage, which are designated as threatened species and winter-run Chinook salmon, which is designated as an endangered species, under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on October 9, 2012 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [An environmental impact report / A mitigated negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.

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Date: 3/27/2023

Kevin Thomas, Regional Manager